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30.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits.
31.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops.
32.	Development of Betelvine.
33.	Development of Vegetables.
34.	Integrated Development of Spices.
35.	Training and Extension (Fisheries).
36.	Inland Fisheries Statistics.
37.	Fish Farm Development Agencies.
38.	Inland Fish Marketing.
39.	National Welfare of Fishermen.
40.	Investment in Debentures of LDBs.
41.	Non overdue Cover Scheme.
42.	Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund.
43.	Assistance to Women's Cooperatives.
44.	Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives.
45.	Timely Reporting Scheme.
46.	Improvement of Crop Statistics.
47.	Crop Estimation Survey on Fruit, Vegetables and Minor Crops/Diagnostic Study.
48.	Livestock Census.
49.	Agricultural Census.

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Irregularitiee in the Sale of Fertilizer

5917. SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/CBI have started investigatio into alleged irregularities in the sale of ammonia during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 resulting in loss of crores of Rupees to KRIBHCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the investigation has been completed;

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken against persons found guilty in this regard; and

(e) if not, the time by which the investigation is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (e) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered two regular cases (RCs) on 22.1.1997 for investigation into alleged irregularities in the sale of Ammonia by Krishak Bharati Coop. Ltd. (KRIBHCO) during 1994-95.

Development of Bee-Keeping

5918. SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has sent a detailed scheme/proposal for the development of Bee-keeping to the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, the date from whcih the proposal is pending with the Union Government;

(c) the latest position of the proposed scheme; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be approved and funds sanctioned to the State Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Agriculture received a proposal sent by the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare, Government of Kerala during July, 1996. The proposal contained request for financial support for activities/components already approved by the Ministry of Kerala under the Central Sector Scheme of Development of Bee-keeping for Improving Crop Productivity and being implemented by the State Farming Corporation Ltd. Punular, which has been identified as the State Designated Agency for implementing the scheme in Kerala. This has been conveyed to the Minister of Industries and Social Welfare, Kerala in August, 1996.

Effluent from Oil Fields

5919. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and the Central Pollution Control Board are aware that the effluent from the oil fields in Assam has created serious air and water pollution thereby endangering the lives of people;

(b) if so, whether the Government and the Central Pollution Control Board have issued directions to OIL and ONGC to install the effluent treatment plant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) According to the Assam Pollution Control Board, air and water pollution occurred in the oild fields due to the occasional failures of pollution control measures in the installations of Oil India Ltd. and ONGC.

(b) and (c) The Assam Pollution Control Boad had directed the defaulting units to install treatment plants for their effluents. Accordingly, these two units have taken necessary measures to control pollution which include the following:

(i) ONGC have already installed 7 nos. of mobile and static effluent treatment plants (ETP);

(ii) Strengthening of slurry pits, ring bundh, flare pits etc.;

(iii) Segregation of oil bearing effluents;

(iv) Recycling of waste water back into the process;

(v) Reduction in flaring of gases;

(vi) Recovery of oil from effluents.

Shortage of Urea

5920. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Urea in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) whether the Maharashtra State Government has requested the Union Government for supplying more urea;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For Kharif '97, the assessed requirement of urea in Maharashtra has been 11.0 lakh tonnes. There has been no demand from the State for its revision so far.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Development of Watersheds

5921. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had sent any proposal for seeking external financial assistance from the World Bank and the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) for the Development of Watersheds in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Karnataka Government has submitted a project proposal outline for watershed development in the State for seeking financial assistance from World Bank. The proposal aims at developing 40 major watersheds of 20,000 ha. each distributed throughout the state with emphasis on Participatory Community Management. The proposal has been submitted to Department of Economic Affairs for taking an appropriate decision.

Another Watershed Development project proposal which envisages coverage of three districts namely Chitradurga, Bellary and Bijapur has been submitted by the state for seeking financial assistance from Overseas Development Administration (ODA). The main components under the project include Soil & Water Conservation; development of common property resources, Land based activities; and training of various stake holders. The project proposal will be finalised in consultating with the concerned Departments/Agencies.

Schemes for Rajasthan

5922. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sought any additional allocation of funds for Janta Jal Yojna, Community Lift Irrigation Scheme, and Project for the over all Development of Dungarpur District to the Government of India;

(b) if so, by which time sanction funds is likely to be made; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?